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IN

SCOTLAND.

In a LETTER from a Gentleman in *Edinburgh*,
to his Friend in *London*.

With a POSTSCRIPT, giving a Short Relation of the *Popish Massacres* in *France*, *Ireland*, &c. And of the *Spanish Armadoe*, *Gun-Powder Plot*, and other Wicked Designs to Enslave *Britain* and *Ireland*.

*O Miseri, quæ tanta insania, Cives?
Creditis auctos hostes? An ulla putatis
Dona carere dolis Danaum? Sic notus Ulysses?
Aut hoc inclusi ligno occultantur Achivi:
Aut hæc in nostros fabricata est machina muros,
Inspectura domos, venturaq; desuper urbi.*

Virgil Æneid. lib. 2.

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YOU know as well as I, that the Great LORD and Governour of the World, and our Blessed Mediator the LORD and Head of His Church, discovers his Will to us by his Works, as well as his Word; by his Providences, as well as by his Ordinances. By his Word, the Duties of Obedience in general are enjoyned; and by his Providences, the special Seasons of Practising them are pointed to us: So, that, as it is our necessary Duty to study his Word, and Meditate his Law Day and Night, it is also an undoubted Part of every Christians Business, to regard the Work of the LORD, and the Operation of his Hands, that he may act in his Station, according to the Will of God, and may answer the Design of the Divine Providence, toward the Generation in which he lives. We are to observe these Events, that fall out by his Order, for our Good and Comfort; and these which happen by his Permission, for the Punishment of our Sins.

Of the latter Sort are such Events, as relate to the Growth of Popery, and Insolence of Papists in Scotland; a matter that is thought not to deserve notice, by a great many nice and supercilious Talkers amongst us, who would perswade us, that the Papists are but a very small and harmless Party, from whom nothing is to be feared; They are more afraid of the Dutch, than

of the *French*; as if the first were more like to invade us, and deprive us of our Religion and Liberty, than the latter: And therefore hate a *Presbyterian*, as being for *Hannover*, more than a *Papist*, because in *St. German* Interest; And so whatever is advanced of the *Danger and Growth of Popery*, they either deny as false, or if it is evident, they decide it as inconsiderable.

'Tis for this Reason, I here send you the following Account of this Matter, which consists of many Informations received from persons of undoubted Credit, and who had sufficient Occasions to know the Facts they Inform of; By which (if I mistake not) it will be abundantly evident, to you, Sir, as it is already to me, That as the *Papists* among us, are by no means a harmless Party, so they are not so inconsiderable; But that in our present Circumstances, they have it in their Power to do much Mischief, to the great and valuable Interest of our Religion and Liberty.

What Account I have to send you, falls naturally under one or other of the two following Heads; The Number of *Trafficking Papists* in several Places of *Scotland*, their Diligence and Industry, their Success in perverting many from the *Protestant Religion*; the *Insolence of Papists*, especially of late, with some Hints of their Encouragement.

As to the number of those *Trafficking Papists* in *Scotland*, it is more considerable, than we generally imagine: There are in some few Shires in the *North and Highlands*, about Forty *Popish Priests*, *Jesuits* and others in *Popish Orders*, who are well known, and do appear openly, and are so bold as to take up their ordinary Residence in these Places, and publickly to go about all Parts of their Functions: Particularly, Mr. *Alexander Fraser* in *Focabers*, Mr. *John Gordon* at upper *Drimmyn*, Mr. *Alexander Nicolson* alias *Bishop Bruce* in the Province of *Aberdeen*, Mr. *James Donaldson*, Mr. *Gordon* alias *Bishop Gordon*, Mr. *Ferdyce*, Mr. *Buchan*, Mr. *Abercromby*, Mr. *John Luns*, Mr. *Robert Seton* Brother to *Garteton*, Mr. *Hugh Ramsay* alias *Strauchan*, Son to *James Strauchan* of *Thornton*,

Thunston, Mr. Peter McDonald about Clengary, Mr. Gordon about Mudarra, Mr. Walter Innes in Drumgask, prior of a Convent in Burgundy, Mr. George Innes, Son to Drumgask, lately come from Abroad, Mr. Francis Murray, in Kirkconnell, Mr. Seton alias Ross, natural Son to the Earl of Dumferling, Mr. Walker about Garioch, Mr. Alexander Mcbram in Kilmarrak, Mr. Eneas Mcclachlanly, Mr. Alexander in Strathbogie, Mr. Peter Reid, Mr. Charles Skenart at Clastirum, Mr. John Irving at Castle Gordon, Mr. Alexander Drummond at Muthell, or Castle Drummond. Besides Six or Seven Priests in the Bounds of the Presbytry of Skay, and some about Lochaber, and Bounds of the Presbytry of Lorn, and many more who are Traveling thro' the Country, suspected to be Priests and Missionaries from Rome, going under borrowed Names, and pretend to be in other Employments, and severals of the resty are Blood Relations to Families of good Note in the Places they most haunt: In the Shire of Aberdeen alone, there are Eight ordinarily residing, and if there are so many in so few Shires, how many may we reasonably suppose there are thro' the rest of Scotland? If there are so many, who (notwithstanding the Care they take to disguise and hide themselves) are known as to their Names and Places of Abode? How many must be swarming amongst us, under borrowed Names and disguised Characters? Severals of these, whose Names I send you, are lately come from beyond Seas, and to be sure they came not alone: The Church of Rome is too zealous in making Proselytes, to neglect the best Opportunity for that Purpose, which she has had in Scotland, for this many Years by gone: She has her Missionaries amongst us, when they could not Traffick without the utmost Hazard, and undoubtedly, their Number is now much more increased, when it is well known they may carry on their black Design with too much Safety: Accordingly, it has been no Secret for some Time by past, that great numbers of Papists have lately come, and are daily coming from France into Great Britain, of whom, no doubt, a great part are

are *Missionaries*, for propogating what they call the *Catholick Faith*. I was certainly informed a few Days ago, that a *Protestant Gentleman*, at one of the most frequented Places of this Nation, met with a *Popish Priest*, who had been of his Acquaintance in a *Popish Country* over Seas, disguised in the Habit of a *Cavalier*; who so far forgot himself, as to tell his old Acquaintance over a Bottle, that he was lately come from *France*, with a great many more of the same Kidney, to advance the Interest of the *Preterender*, whom he called our King: Which had such effect upon the *Protestant Gentleman*, as that though he was a zealous *Jacobite* before, he has ever since abhorred that Design, which is carried on by such Tools, as must destroy our Holy Religion, to advance it. Would to GOD, all our *Protestant Brethren* were so wise as to be *Proselyted* by them after this Fashion! However, this shews us, how these Agents of the *Antichristian Kingdom* hide themselves under borrowed Shapes, and how many there may be of them thus disguised, GOD alone knows: There are doubtless the more of them, that they can conceal themselves effectually, by often changing their Stations, and returning to their Masters, after they have fulfilled their set time, leaving their Room (as they ordinarily do) to others, who are not, for some time, in hazard of being known; so much for their Numbers.

Next, As to their Diligence and Industry, we may easily guess how great that is, if we consider, that those of the *Church of Rome*, have for a great many Ages past, exactly answered the Character given by our Saviour, of their Fathers the *Pharisees*, who compassed Sea and Land to make one *Proselyte*; accordingly their Agents among us at present, leave no Stone unturn'd, spare no Pains nor Cost, that they may delude poor ignorant People, who are so unhappy as to have them among them, and to fix and confirm them, in their *Anti-Christian Errors*, and *Idolatry*, beyond all probability of being reclaimed.

One of their great Engines for this Purpose, is, to have Persons of their Principles employed in teaching Schools. The publick Grammar School at *Focabers* in the Duke of *Gordon's* Country, is Taught by a *Popish* Doctor under one *Mr. Mitchel*, principal School-master there; and in several places of that Country, they have Persons of their Perswasion, especially Women Employed in Teaching private Schools, of which I could give you particular instances, if it were not too Minute and Trivial: These Female Teachers, after they have more rudely initiated their unhappy Scholars, bring them from time to time to *Priests*, to be by them more fully Instructed and Confirmed in their *Superstitious* and *Idolatrous Principles*. These Female Tools, serve them also as depute Missionaries to discover to them, who among their Neighbours and Acquaintances are accessible and easie to be Perverted. And to such, upon Advertisement, the *Priest* fails not to apply himself, with all the Art and Address he is Master of.

That they may have the better Success in such Attempts, they take the Advantage of the most Favourable Occasions to Instil their *Poison* with the *Wine of the Rounish Fornication*: When People are to be Married, have Children to be Baptized, and especially when they are a Dying, they attend upon them Closly, perform the Ceremonies of Baptism, Marriage, and Extream Uction, in the most obliging manner possible: And fail not upon all these occasions, to take them deeply engaged to their Cursed Communion. When People are Sick, they Insinuate themselves upon them, by using all sorts of Methods, some of which are said to be *Devilish*, for their Recovery; and having by this apperance of kindness, and their fawning Flattery, and Caresses, recommended themselves to their Affections, they next pervert their Judgment at their Pleasure. Of all this they have the better opportunity that in many Places which they most frequent, great Numbers of the Inhabitants lie at a considerable distance from their Paroch Churches, and so not having

ving easie Access to the Establish'd Ministers, they do the more readily Submit to these *Papish Priests*, who live among them, for Marriage, Baptism, and Attendance in their Sickness. I had almost forgot another of their Acts (of which a particular instance is given by my Informer) when they cannot have free and safe Access into Families for propogating their Delusions, by means of their Female Panders; they make appointments with Young People, whom they have most hopes to gain in the Woods and Desert Places, where, when they have met with them, they cease not using Threats and Promises, and all the Arts of Delusion, till they have perverted them, to their abominable *Opinions*, and more effectually to keep their new *Converts*, from returning to the *Protestant Religion*. They extort from them, under pain of *Damnation*, a Confession of their most secret Sins, which when they have made, the fear of having them propal'd, is a powerful Tye to hold them fast to the *Papish Party*.

Besides, they have the influence to get *Papists* set up to teach Arts and Sciences, and to meddle in the Management of the Affairs of Minors; tho' both contrary to Law, who by their smooth and insinuating Behaviour gain upon the Minds of Young People who converse with them, and make them secretly Fancy, that the *Papish Principles*, are as True and Innocent as their *Papish Masters*, and Managers are Civil and Obliging, and so they are prepared to be a Prey to the first *Missionary* who attacks them.

Nay, so far does the Industry and Care of these Blind Zealots reach, as not only to serve their own Generation, by such Arts as have been mentioned, but to make Provision for the future, and lay in for the support of their Principles, and driving on the *Hellish Trade of Proselyting, among Posterity*. For this end they procure the Gentry and Nobility of their way, to send their Children abroad to be Bred in *Papish Colledges*, which have been done by severals of late, that at their return, they may follow the steps of their
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Fathers, in serving as Tools to the *Missionaries*, for advancing their Design, or may be *Missionaries* themselves. For this end likewise, wherever they find Boys of promising Parts, they Solicite the Parents, and when they prevail, they spare neither Cost nor Pains, to Breed them to their own Employment, and fit them for making Profelytes: Many of them they send Abroad to Foreign Colledges for that end, of which there was a pregnant instance of late. One Mr. *Stewart* a *Popish Priest*, gathered together no fewer than Thirty Boys, and Shipped them all for Foreign Countries, there to be trained up for the black Imployment.

Now because in all this they are Obnoxious to the Law, they take care to guard themselves as much as they can on that side also; For this end, wherever Heritable Jurisdictions are in *Popish Families*, tho' by Law, they cannot exerce them in Person, they have the influence (I shall not pretend to tell you by what means) to get them put into the hands of such Persons, both Judges and Clerks, as are entirely at the disposal of these *Popish Families*, and do nothing but according to their Direction; There is one particularly under the *M* — — of *H* — — ly so true a *Jacobite*, that to this day, he never took any Oath to the Government; you may easily Conjecture, Sir, in what manner such Judges and Clerks will Execute the Laws against *Papists*. And lest the Law should some time or other recover Vigour, and happen to Execute against them, they seem prepared to Overturn the Law, lest they should not always be able to elude it; therefore contrary to express Law, they are generally well Armed; the *Highland Clans* of their Religion, are said to have Pensions payed them, to hold themselves ready to March upon a Call, and their Leaders keep frequent *Meetings* with their *Popish Priests*, of which there was a very Numerous one held in the Country of *Badenoch*, in *August* 1712. as can be Attested by many Witnesses. That in all these things they may be of a piece, and Act in Concert with their *Foreign Friends*; they have,

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especially of late, had a close and frequent Correspondence with them, not only by Letters, but by Messengers to and from them; not long ago, [Mr. La Harrie a French Dancing-master, went from Scotland with some others, and is now returned. Certain Persons, said to have owned their having Commissions from the Pretender, came lately to Scotland, and when searched for by Order at Burntisland, were gone for Edinburgh, where, of late, there have been far more Jacobites than ordinary.

These are some of the Arts of the Missionaries, and their Deluded Profelytes, for advancing their Hellish Designs, by which they seem to be ready to destroy the Law at one Stroak, by setting their Popish Pretender upon the Throne, not doubting, but they shall then soon put on the Capstone upon their Grand Design of Extirpating the Northern Heresie, as they Impiously call the Protestant Religion.

As to the Success of these Missionaries (which is the next thing of which I am to inform you) it is not to be wondered at, considering the Giddiness and Levity of this Generation, the largeness of Paroches in several places, and their other Encouragements after mentioned ; that they make many Profelytes among us, both to their Political and Religious Principles.

Their Political Principles (I mean, that the Popish Pretender at Bar-le duc, is the only Rightful Successor to our Crown) they Varnish over with the specious Colours of Hereditary Indefeasible Right, the hopes of the Pretender's turning true Protestant, and what pity it is, that the Lineal Heir to our Crown, should be obliged always to wander in Forreign Countries, while a Family, so remote as that of Hanover, should be brought in to Reign over us ; and that all this may the more effectually catch the unthinking Multitude, they magnifie with the outmost Address, the hardships we suffer by the Union, and give out, that the only way to be free from these, is to break the Hanover Succession, and call in the Pretender, as if it were better

ter to be under an *Arbitrary French Government*, to the utter Extirpation of our *Religion* and *Liberties*; than to suffer some Hardships from a Nation Governed by Law, who are of the Protestant Religion, as well as our selves: These Pretences they further strengthen, by dividing the *Established Church* among themselves, upon occasion of the Oath of *Abjuration*; before the Term for taking of it by our Ministers came, they failed not, under the Mask of *Zealous Presbyterians*, to Slander such Ministers, as they heard were for taking of it, with the Odious Names of *Dishonest*, *Apostates from their Principles*, *Renouncers of the Covenants*, &c. that they might alienate the Hearts of their People from them, and now that some have taken it, when others have refused it, they do, upon their Principles before laid down, Reproach them in the bitterest manner, as Time servers, Men who have taken an Oath contrary to their Principles, to save their Stipends, &c. and give out, that they only are the true *Church of Scotland* who have refused that Unlawful Oath, (as they call it) while their own Consciences know that they equally hate both sides, and design nothing by all these pretences, but to divide us amongst our selves, that they may at their Pleasure Trample upon, and Extirpate us all.

I do not say, that the *Popish Emissaries* are the only Persons who drive such Designs, and propagate such Notions; nay, perhaps a great number of them are Protestants, who upon mistaken Politicks, Zealously endeavour the Ruin of the *Established Church*: But I am Confident the *Popish Emissaries* promote these Methods, and that under diverse Pretences, they set Protestants one against another, that afterwards they may ruin their *Common Religion*, and place Popery in its room. To this purpose, I shall tell you a Story no less diverting in its Circumstances, than instructive in its discovery; of one in a Gentleman's Habit, in a Country Man's House, not far from this, who harangued zealously against the *Minister of the Parish*,

because he was inclined to the Oath of Abjuration, and held forth with much keenness the Evil and Sinfulness of that Oath, upon *Presbyterian Principles*, but behold, when his Discourse was over, the accidental falling off of his Peruke, discovered a shaven Crown, under the Dress and Profession of a Zealous Presbyterian Gentleman, and upon an after Enquiry, he was discovered to haunt a Popish Gentleman's Family. There are no doubt many such, who in diverse Companies, to whose different Humours they adapt their Discourses, promote the separation from our Church, and a Division of one part thereof from another; and all with an Intention to advance their Grand Political Design of bringing in the Pretender. I am sorry I have it to tell you, that there are but too many well meaning People, too far gone in these destructive Principles, who, if they live, will one day repent it from the bottom of their Hearts; I wish their Repentance be not too late, that they have so far Ignorantly Concurred in the Political Principles and Designs of an *Antichristian* Party. Thus they are Successful in making *Profelytes* both to their Political and Popish Maxims.

I shall give you some of the most remarkable Instances, waving many lesser ones.

In and about the Bounds of the Presbytry of *Skay*, there are whole Paroches, yea, Countries, which by Means of these Popish Priests, are kept in the Darkness and Idolatry of Popery, such as *Knoydart*, *Moror*, *Egg*, *Canna*, *South Vist*, *Eara*, *Muikie*, &c. In the Bounds of *Lochaber*, *Glengary*, *Moydart*, *Arisaig*, Popery daily encreases to a lamentable Degree, so that the Priests residing in those Bounds, say Mass publicly almost every Lord's Day, to Swarms of their deluded Profelytes. In the united Parishes of *Crathie* and *Kindrock*, there are near Two Hundred Persons perverted within these few Years, by the Cunning Craftiness of these Priests, who ly in wait to deceive. In the Parish of *Rassart*, one Mr. *John Gordon* a Popish Priest,

Priest, hath, within these two Years, or thereby, perverted more than an Hundred to Popery. In the Paroch of *Kilmorock*, in the Shire of *Inverness*, the Priests who reside there, have, within these three Years, or thereby, perverted an Hundred Families to Popery: So that now the *Papists* are the far greater part of that People. In the Parish of *Bellay* alone, there are near Six Hundred *Papists*, and in the Parishes of *Kinore* and *Dumbennan*, the *Papists* are equal in Number to the *Protestants*. Judge by these few Instances of many, what lamentable Success these *Romish Agents*, have in their *Antichristian Design*, and suffer your Thoughts to represent a little to you, how many must in other Places be perverted by the dark and crafty Practices of their Fellow *Emissaries*? And to what a great number their deluded and barbarous Party may increase in a short time, if care is not taken to prevent it.

By what has been said of their Numbers and Success, you will easily imagine they are very arrogant. They are a sort of People, who quickly take Heart, and upon the remotest Prospect of Encouragement, grow from Hatred, to Contempt of their Adversaries; so that upon Experience of so much actual Success, you cannot doubt, but their Secret Contempt, is risen, to open Insolence.

Accordingly, I have such Account of their Behaviour in many Places, as would make one believe, that they fancy themselves already under the Protection of the Law, and that they have their Protestant Neighbours at their Mercy, of which take the following Instances.

One Mr. *Bruce* a Popish Bishop, has his ordinary Residence at *Berthshire*, where he has his Gardens, Cooks, and other Domestick Servants, and thither the Priests and *Emissaries* of Inferior Rank resort, for their Directions and Orders, for fulfilling their *Antichristian Mission*, and accomplishing the *Black Work* for which they were sent. Not only this Bishop, but even

even the Priests in several places, have their known Houses for Residence, where their Peats and Fuel are regularly and punctually laid in for them, as particularly Mr. John Innes, Mr. Robert Seton, and Mr. Hugh Ramsay, in and about the Bounds of Braemar; One Irving a Priest, who ordinarily Resides at Forcaber, presumes, in Contempt of the Law, to take the Management of some part of the Affairs of a Person of Distinction in that Country, whereby, he has great Interest with the Tennents and Inferior People, to pervert them to *Papish Superstition*.

Not only have they settled Houses for themselves to live in, but they have *Mass-Houses*, and fixed places of Worship, to which their *Blind Vagrants*, in diverse Parts, resort, almost as avowedly, as Protestants go to their Paroch Churches, and in which, they publickly proclaim Persons in Order to Marriage, as if their Meetings were Legal Assemblies, of which there is one in the Paroch of Kilmorock, served principally by Mr. McCraw and Mr. McLauchlan Priests; one in the Parish of Kirkmichael, in the Bounds of the Presbytry of Aberlour, and in the Bounds of the Presbytry of Skay, there are Six Priests who reside ordinarily there, and have their several Paroches, in which they officiate as freely and formally, as if countenanced by Authority, in the Bounds of Lochaber, Glengarie, Mudart, Aresraig, &c. The Priests say *Mass* publickly almost every Sabbath; and the Priest at Mudart in that Country, is lately become so bold, that he encroaches upon the Paroches about, legally planted with Protestant Ministers, particularly, Ardnah, Muchan and Sunad, where he ordinarily Marries and Baptizes, such as he can persuade to resort to him, and at the same time, takes them engaged to the Communion of the Church of Rome.

I give you here but a few instances of many publick *Mass-Houses*, that might be mentioned, that you may judge of the Stock by the Sample. But to go on with the Accounts of their Insolency, one of the

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Protestant School-masters, established by the Honourable Society, for propagating Christian Knowledge, was barbarously Insulted and Affronted, tho' acting under the Protection of Her Majesty's Royal Patent: It is true, a Person of Honour did the Justice to cause enquiry into that matter, but there being none but Popish Witnesses, no Redress could be had. Nay, the Ministers of the Established Church, although they have all the Security, that our Law can give them, are in some places insulted by *Papists*, and such as they have influence upon, who by their Hearing of *Mass*, and having it said in their Houses, are obnoxious to the Law, of which I cannot omit to give an Instance or two: In the Paroch of *Kilmorrock*, the *Papists* go to the *Mass* Meetings, as avowedly as to the Church, without any Stop or Discouragement, while the Legally Established Minister, Mr. *Thomas Chisholm*, was for some Years kept from Access to the Paroch Church, to which he is ordained according to Law, and some of them who went to hear him, were threatned by their Landlords, with Breach of their Tacks, and being put from their Possessions; and when the Inferiour Judges there, were required to examine his Grievances, and redress them, or put his Oppressours into the Porteous Roll, they, (by what Influence I shall not say) refused to do it. One *George Lesly* of *Balqueyne*, a *Popish* Gentleman, Brother to Count *Lesly* in *Germany*, and so has good Intelligence of what is doing Abroad, has of late become very Insolent, and Barbarously treated Mr. *William Lesly*, Minister of *Chapell* of *Garioch*, he endeavoured to stop him from casting of Peats, (a Fewel absolutely necessary in that Country) in a place where he and his Predecessors, had been in use for many Years, to provide themselves of that sort of Fewel, and when notwithstanding of that Opposition the Ministers Peats were cast or digged, that *Popish Gentleman* caused lead some of them away, cut the rest in pieces, and render them intirely usefess, and having raised a
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Groundless Process against him, did thereupon Arrest all his Effects, which obliged Mr. *Lefly* to commence a Process for his Redress, before the Lords of the Session, where it is just now depending. The Ground of this Gentleman's Prejudice against the Minister, is, That he was lately put in the Porteous Roll, by one whom he could not know, for Harboursing and Re-fetting of *Priests* and other *Popish Missionaries*; but what wonder if he was, for his House at *Fetterneir* has been the ordinary place of Residence of the Superior of the *Jesuits* in *Scotland* for some time past, by him and his Family: The *Popish* Youths are recommended, when they come from Abroad, to his House, and there they receive their Directions, when they begin to act as *Missionaries*, and are dispersed through the Country: At his House, there is a Chappel Consecrated, which is put to no other Use, but the Idolatrous *Popish Worship*, and in which there is an Altar, Rich Vestments, and other Costly and Superstitious Appurtenances of their Service.

Besides all this, there are several *Papists*, who according to the Act of Parliament, were banished by the Lords of Justiciary in their Circuits, who have had the Boldness to return to their former places of Abode, though by our Law, such returning is Death; as particularly, Mr. *Patrick Fraser* Priest, *William Gordon* of *Miamore*, *Robert Gordon* in *Glenlivet*, *Patrick Grant* in *Tomnaaraw*, and several others.

To conclude this Head of their Insolence, at my Lord D——d's House at *Muthle* in *Perthshire*, there was, not very long ago, a publick Baptism of one of his Children, by a *Popish* Bishop or Priest, to which the Neighbouring Gentry were formally Invited, at which (to the everlasting Commendation of our present *Scots* Civility) several Gentlemen, some of whom Her Majesty's Justices of Peace, were so con-descending as to be present.

At the same House, there have been of late more than ordinary Meetings of several Persons of Quality, where

where Guns and other Arms have been tryed. And to shew that his Lordship has some extraordinary *Catholick* design in view, and his Children, (tho' he is a professed Papist) are, in Contempt of Law, bred up with himself, and has lately made his last Will, and named Tutors to his Children, as if he had been going to the *Field of Battle*: To all this I might add, the frequent Meetings of the Leaders of the Popish Clans, which I have before mentioned; and the Provision that the Papists have lately made of Arms; but what has been already said, may shew sufficiently, the bloody and desperate Designs of that *Antichristian Party* amongst us, and make you to conjecture at their Encouragement. It is not to be imagined, that the Papists amongst us have so far risen in their Courage of late, without some considerable Reason, and yet it does not seem easie to imagine, what that can be that gives them so much Courage: It's certain they have no Encouragement from our Law; we have many severe penal Laws against Papists, standing in full force, particularly the Act November 1700. Entitled, *An Act for preventing the Growth of Popery*, whereby Papists are declar'd incapable of Succeeding to any Inheritance, of being Tutors or Administrators to Minors, of Teaching any Art, Science, or Exercise, and Children under Popish Parents, are order'd to be taken from them, and Educated with their next Protestant Relations: All Seminary Priests, and Trafficking Papists, are appointed to be Banished out of *Scotland*, never to return under pain of Death; and the Sum of Five Hundred Merks, is appointed to be given as a *Præmium*, to any who shall Discover or Seize any such Seminary Priest or Trafficking Papist. Her present Majesty Queen *Anne*, has by her Proclamation, of the date September 20. 1709; strictly Required and Commanded, all Judges and Officers of the Law, to put the foresaid Act, and all other Acts of Parliament against Papists, to strict and punctual Execution: And for the more effectual

Encouragement of all the Subjects to Concurr in this, She ordered the *Premium* of Five Hundred Merks, promised in the Act of Parliament to the Seisers of Trafficking Papists, to be speedily payed, by Order of the Lord High *Treasurer*, upon production of a Certificate of the Conviction of such Trafficking Papists. It's true, the then Lord High *Treasurer* is since Removed; but it is hoped that as the Order is Directed to the Person in such an Office, who ever Enjoys it, is under the same Obligation with him, and that the Earl of O——d, will find himself no less concerned, to make punctual Payment of this *Premium*, than the Earl of G——n. Thus, Sir, you see the Papists in Scotland have no Encouragement for their *Industry* and *Insolence* from our Law. It were the utmost Breach of Duty, to our Gracious Queen, as well as Folly, to imagine, that they have any Encouragement from her, who gave the most early Testimony almost of any, at the *Revolution*, of her outmost Detestation of their abominable *Religion*, having shewed by deserting the then King, and going over to the Prince of *Orange*, that she knew not Father or Mother, and much less would she know a Brother if she had one, when the Cause of her GOD and Religion, and Liberties of her Country, was in question; She has by her Royal Proclamation above-mentioned, shewed, that about four Years ago, her Sentiments, as to Popery, were the same, they were at the *Revolution*; so that our Papists have as little Encouragement from our Queen, as from our Law. As little have they from Her Judges, who, to do them Justice, fail not to Execute the Law, against such as are duly Convict before them.

Whence then proceeds all their Courage and Insolence, which of late they have taken to them? I cannot pretend fully to unfold so strange a *Mystery*, but shall adventure, Sir, to acquaint you, with what to me seems, of all things that are publickly known, to have the greatest hand in it. First of all, they have

have great Encouragement from their Friends Abroad ; the Priests in *Skye*, of whom we have spoken before, have their *Sallaries* duly payed them from Abroad ; and, as is said, have a considerable *Proemium*, for every Profelyte they make to the Faith of the Church of *Rome* ; and to be sure, others who labour in more publick Places, and in the midst of greater *Danger*, have at least as ample *Rewards* as they ; no wonder then, if they, whose Character it is, *Rev. 18. 13. To make Merchandize of the Souls of Men*, be very Vigilant and Industrious to prepare their *Wares*, that they may well deserve their price ; this Encourages their *Industry* and *Diligence*, which they exert with the greater Vigour, because of the big hopes they have of late conceived, of the Pretender's succeeding to the *Throne* ; they know he is of *French* and Popish Education, and has deeply Drunk in for the space of Twenty Years, the Principles of Popish Religion, and the maxims of *French Government*. They understand *Humane Nature* so well, as to know what ever Principles one has been trained in so long, in the most tender part of his Life, do Incorporate with his Reason, and become almost as Essential to him, as his Reason it self : So that, without a Miracle, he may as soon put off his Being, as lay aside such Principles. They know also from the Example of his pretended *Father*, that a Popish Prince upon the *Throne*, shall be scarce well set on it, when he shall attempt to *Establish* his Religion, among his *Subjects* ; no wonder then, if the hopes of such a Successor, do animate them with great Courage, and make them even with *Insolence*, to look down and trample upon such, as stand in their way, to so great an Advantage, which they think they have in so near a prospect. I shall not pretend to tell you, from whence they have taken up such Confident Hopes, of their *Beloved Pretender's coming over* : I wish they may have no further Evidence of it, but what is obvious to all Men, such as, that his Friends may be in some of the most considerable

nable Posts: The *Zealous* Assertors of his Interest may be in great Credit, and Invested with the Trusts of the greatest Consequence; while the *Zealous* Assertors of the Protestant Succession, are *Discountenanced*, *Fromed on and Disgraced*, upon the most trivial Occasions. The *French King*, the Patron of their Darling, is now more powerful, and in better Condition to set him upon the Throne, than at the beginning of the last War, when he promised it; and seems plainly not to have lost sight of his Designs, by keeping him still so near himself and us, as at *Bar-le-duc*. But whether their Hopes are founded on these, or other Reasons not known, it is certain they Assert it with the greatest Confidence, in several places of the *North*, that their *King*, as they call the *Pretender*, is shortly to come over; and thereby make more Profelytes in several places, than by all their Arguments for their *Wretched Religion*. Thus you see what Encouragement they have from Papists Abroad, I am sorry, that they should have any from Protestants at Home. But since it is in vain to Dissemble what every one may see, I must tell you.

In the third place, that they are not a little Encouraged by some Protestants amongst our selves, of whom, they who are of late become *Zealous* for the *English Service*, are the most considerable: They join Interests with the Papists, and the Papists with them, for mutually strengthening one another, and running down the Established Church, and a Protestant Succession. My Lord D———D a professed and violent Papist, has for some time Supported and Encouraged a *Meeting-House* for the *English Service* at *Muthele*, and has given a House for another of these *Meetings* at *Creiff*; the Papists have Concurred and given their best Assistance in Building *Meeting-houses*, for that *Form of Worship*, in several places in the *North*; and that our Tolerated Protestants, may not be Ungrateful to their Benefactors, they use their Interest to protect Papists from the Execution of the *Laws*, while at the same

same Time, they do [their outmost] to Discourage and Insult the *Ministers* of the *Established Church*, and neither enter their *Meeting-houses* in Terms of *Law*, nor pray for the *Queen*, and *Protestant Succession*, in the House of *Hanover*. In the Paroch of *Kilmarrack* in the Shire of *Inverness*, as has been before mentioned, but deserves also to be remembered here, the *Papists* are suffered notwithstanding of the severest *Laws* against them, to go openly and avowedly to their *Idolatrous Mass Meetings*, while the legally *Established Minister* *Mr. Thomas Chisholme*, was violently kept by the *Gentlemen* of *Chief Influence* there, from Possession of the *Church*, and their *Tenants* were threatned to be put from their *Tacks* if they hear him. Both there, and in other places, the *Inferiour Judges* are prevailed with, to refuse to *Cognosce* upon the *Grievances* of *Ministers* of the *Established Church*, from *Papists*; or to put the *Authors* of them in the *Porteous Rolls* for the *Circuits*. *Ministers* and others, who gave up *Lists* of *Papists*, have been so discouraged, and are so insulted and Threatned in several places of the *North*, that they are in *Hazard* of their *Lives*, if they concern themselves farther that way; and generally, several *Persons* in *Power* in these places, are more favourable to *Popish Priests* and *Papists*, than to the *Ministers* of the *Established Church*; a thing, that tho' very singular, yet will not seem strange to any who know the *Political Principles* of many of our *English Service Men*, and consider what her Majesty says of the *Papists* in Her *Proclamation* of *September 1709*. That these *Missionaries* from *Rome*, and their *Abettors*, do pervert our good Subjects — from their *Allegiance* to us, being notoriously disaffected to our *Person* and *Government*. Of all the *Meeting-houses* for the *English Service* in *Scotland*, I am told, there are not above two or three entered in the Terms of *Law*, or where they pray expressly for the *Queen* and the *Protestant Succession*. If this be mistake, the *Advocates* for that Party, are desired to favour the
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Publick with a List of the Meetings of that side, where it is otherwise. Thus I have briefly shewed you what Encouragements Papists have from some pretended Protestants amongst our selves.

I am not so uncharitable as to believe, that all, or even the Body of the Episcopal Party here, have a warm side to the Popish Principles, I believe all they have at present in view, in giving Countenance to Papists, is to strengthen the Pretender's Party: But what a sad design is it, that must be advanced, by giving Countenance to Idolatry and Anti-Christian Superstition, and discouraging the pure Protestant Religion Established amongst us at the Reformation, and obtained by our worthy Ancestors at the Expence of much Blood and Treasure? One would be tempted to think, that they have a back look to Egypt, who are for choosing a Captain that resides there, and are so careful to support the Agents for *Egyptian* Darkness and Bondage. One thing is certain, that, whatever be their Intention, their Conduct plainly leads that way. And so do the Principles of some of them, (I hope they are not generally received among them) I mean that Doctrine of theirs, that no Ministerial Ordination is valid, which is not performed by a Diocesan Prelate: This is the Doctrine, especially of some of our younger Episcopal Clergy; Mr. R—D, Mr. L—n, and other Disciples of the Reverend and worthy Mr. R—t C—l. From which it follows, that we in *Scotland* have no true Ministers, and that the Ministerial Acts of all the Pastors of the Established Church are Null; and so none Baptized by them are Christians: And this same is the Case of almost all the Protestant Churches, except the Church party in *England*; while the Church of *Rome* is allowed to have valid Ordination, and so to be a Society of true *Xians*. Now, how natural is it for Men of these Principles, to enter into the Society of the Church of *Rome*, of which they have already so high an esteem, when they have taken up Principles, which separate them in a manner

manner from all Protestant Churches, and bring them so near to *Rome*, in a point of such Consequence? What should hinder, when an opportunity offers, and favour and preferment does tempt (as according to their hopes it quickly will) to go a little farther, and make a proper Coalition with a Church, which, together with their own, makes (in their Opinion) the only Society of true Christians upon Earth? You know, Sir, it is an easie Step from the outmost Bounds of the Protestant Religion and Communion, to the nearest side of the Popish. What then can be expected from such Principles, but that such as believe them, if they can once bring about the Conjunction of the *British* and *French* Monarchies in the Advancement of their beloved Pretender, will soon finish their mighty project of an Union, betwixt the British and Gallican Church.

Thus, Sir, I have given you an account of what I have had occasion to learn of the Conduct and Circumstances of the Popish Party, especially in the North and Highlands of *Scotland*; I have done it as briefly as I could, and yet it has swell'd to a greater Bulk than I at first expected: I must, however, detain you a little longer, till I make some few Reflections shortly upon these Matters of Fact you have read.

In the first place, how uncomfortable is the Condition of such Ministers and private Christians of the Established Church, who live in places where Papists do most abound, where they have a *Mass-House* in one end of the Paroch, and a *Jacobite* Meeting-House in the other, both joyning Interests together, to discourage and insult such, as orderly attend upon the Worship of the Established Church? Such Ministers and People are really in a state of Persecution, while they enjoy the Shadow and Appearance of a Legal Establishment: Their Condition calls aloud for the tenderest Sympathy, and fervent Prayers of all good Christians, who are truly concerned for the Protestant Religion, and the Liberty of our Country, and for the speedy Re-

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medy and Assistance of such as are in Authority. But how lamentable, beyond Expression, is the Condition of these poor ignorant and deluded People, whom the Missionaries pervert in so great Numbers? What a piercing Thought is it to every true Protestant, that such Numbers bred up in our pure and holy Religion, should be brought to renounce the Light, and plunge themselves into the midst of the thickest Darkness, that while the way to Heaven is so clearly pointed out to them, all round them, they should be so deluded, as to chuse the way to everlasting Misery; by the flight of Men, and cunning craftiness of these who lye in wait to deceive? And how sad is it, that others who had been brought to renounce the Damnable Errors and Idolatry of *Antichrist*, should (as in many Places they do) *Return with the Dog to the Kennel, and the Sow that was washed, to the wallowing in the Mire?*

Next, What is above said answers in part a Question, which it seems very natural, to move upon the Accounts of the Insolence of Papists before given, to wit, Why are not the Laws executed against Sayers and Hearers of *Mas*, and all Trafficking *Priests*? You see, Sir, by what is above said, that the Dissenting Protestants among us, of whom many are Justices of Peace, and others Magistrates, refuse to put them in the Porteous Rolls; and that Ministers and others who have been acting in prosecuting them formerly, are in some places insulted and threatened, so as to be in hazard of their Lives, if they concern themselves any more that way. How then can it be expected, that our Laws should be executed against them with any Exactness? Nay, Is it any wonder, that Papists banished by Sentences of our Judges, boldly return again to their former Traffick, when they know there are so many to protect them from the Severity of the Law? Can they in the least fear the want of Countenance from such, as ordinarily drink the Popish Pretender's Health, keep his Birth-Day, by Revelling and Ranting through the Streets; and upon all fit Occasions, testify their pro-
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found Respect for him, tho' they have taken the Oath of *Abjuration*, in which they Abjure him, and promise to stand against him in the most solemn manner? If it were needful, Persons would be condescended on for this.

Further, what I have told you, shews how reasonable and necessary the late Warning of the Commission of the General Assembly of the danger of Popery, when Popish Missionaries are swarming amongst us, when Papists are so numerous and insolent in many places, and so many are daily falling off to them: And when that Antichristian Party is supported in their Insolence, by a Party of Protestants among our selves, for advancing a Popish Succession, (which, if it prospers) cannot but ruin our Liberty and Holy Religion: In such a Case, it cannot but be the Duty of faithful Watchmen, to warn People of their Danger, that if possible, they may be brought to open their Eyes ere it be too late; or if they will sleep on secure, they will be ruined; and the Watchmen may deliver their own Souls. This being our Case, as you see by what is above, the Ministers in the Commission acted the part of faithful Watchmen, in giving us all that Warning: And it concerns all good Protestants to hearken to it, as they would not have their own Blood, and the Guilt of their Church and Countries Ruin to ly upon their Heads.

Moreover, what Account I have given you, may serve to open us somewhat of a Prospect, (and a melancholly one it is) of what Milchief we have to expect from Papists in our present Circumstances, if they are not effectually restrained. You see, Sir, that the Number of Papists is considerable in some places; that their Missionaries are numerous, that they are generally provided of Arms; and that the most Fierce and Martial part of them (the Popish Clans) hold their Meetings for Correspondence amongst themselves, and that the whole Body of them have close Correspondence over Seas, and strong Encouragement from that Quarter: All which, to a considering Man,

has a very alarming Aspect; especially, when it is considered, how great Numbers of *Papists* there are in *Ireland*. In that Country there are One Thousand and Ninety Parish *Priests* alone, besides *Trafficking Missionaries*, who have no settled Charges, as appears by an Authentick printed List taken up by the Justices of Peace at their Quarter-Sessions, according to Order of Parliament: What vast Numbers of People must there be under the Inspection of so many *Priests*, considerably more in Number than all the Parish Ministers in *Scotland*? All these are the Off-spring of the old *Irish Papists*, who in the Days of our Fathers, in the Reign of Queen *Elizabeth* and King *Charles the First*, destroyed by way of Massacre, Two hundred thousand of our Protestant Brethren; with these, no doubt, our *Scotts Papists* correspond, and they could easily spare them a considerable Detachment of their Massacring Multitude, to be employed in their Work upon a convenient Emergent. All this gives us but a dismal Prospect, and yet we need not be so much frightened with it neither, if we Protestants in *Britain* were all cordially united among our selves. But alas! when one considerable part of our selves joyns with our common Enemies in a Design, that's Capital to their Scheme, (I mean the setting of a *Papist* upon the Throne) What are we to expect in our present Circumstances, but that *Anti-christian Idolatry* should daily more and more prevail, and that *Papists* should become daily more and more Numerous and Insolent? What have we to expect, if (which God of his Infinite Mercy prevent) we should upon the Queen's Demise, fall into a State of Confusion; but that the *Papists* amongst us should be *Fire-Brands* to a *French Army*, (which in that Case will certainly come amongst us) to inflame them with Cruelty, and concur with them, in filling all with Slaughter and Desolation? What can we look for, if in this supposed Contest for the Crown, their Party should prevail: But that after they have wrought their Work with such deluded Protestants as joyn with them, they

they should with the help of their *French* and *Irish* Friends, kick against their present Benefactors, and force them either to embrace *Poper*y, or treat them with all the barbarous Cruelty which is natural to their accursed Religion, and customary in their Church. You see, Sir, what a mournful and amazing Scene opens to our Thoughts, when we suffer them to run out into the natural Consequences of the *Growth* and *Insolence* of *Papists*. Say not these Thoughts are wholly Visionary and Groundless: I heartily wish that the present exorbitant Power and Greatness of the Family of *Bourbon*, with the Spirit of Infatuation, that seems to have seiz'd so many Protestants amongst us, with many other Circumstances, gave not too much Ground for them.

What remains then, Sir? But that in the last place you and I, and all good *Protestants*, shou'd first firmly prepare our selves, and next mutually animate and encourage one another, to exert our selves to the utmost in our Stations, for defeating the destructive Designs of a *French* and *Popish* Party. Let us avowedly own our selves for the *Protestant Religion*, and the *Protestant Succession*; upon which, under GOD, its Security depends. Let us be willing to hazard our Lives and Fortunes for that Liberty and Holy Religion, the Settlement and Preservation whereof till now, has cost too dear to us and our worthy Ancestors. Let us lay aside our little Divisions amongst our selves, and no longer dispute whether, as in the *Oath of Abjuration* be Reduplicative, or Indicative only; far more let us form no Separation from one another upon so very small and narrow a Point. This is such Madness, as it wou'd have been in the *Romans* to busie themselves about Debates of Grammar, and Criticism, when *Hannibal* with the *Carthaginian* Army was at their Gates; and to worry one another about Trifles, while that crafty and pow'rful Enemy, was ready to destroy them all. Let us all concur in our Stations, to have the Laws executed against *Papists*,; and the Legal E-

Establishment of our Church supported against them
 and all their Abettors. For this end let us be ready,
 as we have occasion, to make plain and earnest Appli-
 cation to Authority, for Redress of all our Grievan-
 ces, and prepare our selves for the worst, in case of a
 State of Confusion. Our Enemies avowedly on ma-
 ny Occasions, own themselves for a *Papish Successor*, in
 opposition to Law, and their own solemn Oaths; and
 shall we be cowardly Neutral, when we have both Law
 and Conscience on our side? Let us remember the Pa-
 thetick warning of *Mordecai* to *Esther*, *Esther* 4. 14.
 and the terrible Threat'ning with which it is enforc'd.
For if thou altogether holdest thy Peace at this time, then shall
their Enlargement and Deliverance arise to the Jews from
another place, but thou and thy Father's House shall be de-
stroyed. The Enemies of the Protestant Succession unite
 amongst themselves, and with Papists, that they may
 ruin us, and shall we be divided amongst our selves?
 They are bold to Address the Queen, who are known
 to be Enemies to her Title and Government; and shall
 we be asham'd to apply to Her for Redress of our Griev-
 vances, who upon all Occasions have given evident
 Proofs of the firmest Allegiance? Ev'n Papists are bu-
 sie Arming themselves against us; and shall we be still
 Armless and Defenceless, and deliver up our selves to
 have our Throats cut by these Merciless Enemies, when
 ever an opportunity of appearing more openly shall
 offer? Let us take Courage, Sir, and be bold in our
 GOD, and in the Conscience of a good Cause. We
 have the Law for us, we have a good Conscience to
 embolden us, we hope that *Jacobites* in *Britain* are not
 one of Ten, *Papists* included; and we have reason to
 hope, upon a sincere Repentance for our Sins, and ap-
 plication of the Blood of Sprinkling, that Providence
 would declare for us against a Party that carry on their
 Designs by all the black Arts of Dissimulation and
 Treachery, and the formal breach of the most solemn
 Oath.

Sir,

Sir, If you desire farther Accounts of Occurrences, wherein our Publick Safety is concerned, none shall be more ready to serve you than,

SIR,

Your most Humble Servant.

POSTSCRIPT.

ALtho' I have protracted the foregoing Account of the Growth of Popery in Scotland, beyond what I first intended, yet I presume to be your Remembrancer of some of the inhumane Barbarities committed by Papists and their Abettors, upon Protestants in former times, not doubting but you are acquainted with the Histories and Matyrologies that are generally received as true and genuine through the Protestant World: For I am of Opinion, that at this Conjunction of so many concurring Providences, whereby our inveterate Enemies, both Foreign and Domestick, cruel to the last degree, being permitted to increase both in their Strength and Policy, they do endanger not only our Religion here, but also threaten the Overthrow of all the Protestant Churches. And therefore, it concerns us to form a just Idea, not only of the absurd and idolatrous Principles of Papists, but also of the bloody and barbarous Temper that's still a Concomitant of their Religion, wherever it is. It is one of the grand Politicks of our Modern Jacobites, to represent the Church of France as a great deal more moderate in their Principles, and nearer the Protestant Principles than the Body of Roman Catholics elsewhere; and to be indued with more Mildness and Humanity than those in Spain, Portugal, Italy, and several other Popish Countries: Where-

Wherefore, I think it not amiss to look back a little upon the Practice of these Moderate and Merciful *Papists* toward their Protestant Neighbours and fellow Subjects, since the Heat of Persecution has raged in *France*. It being impracticable to give so much as an Abridgment of the Persecution there in this *Missive*, I shall only satisfy my self with a few Instances. In the Year 1570, the *Papists* finding some difficulty to overthrow the *Protestants* by open Force, their Hellish Policy leads them to try what they can do by Fraud : and therefore a Marriage is contrived betwixt the King of *Navarre* and *Margaret, Charles* the Ninth the then King of *France* his Sister, which Marriage must be performed with great Solemnity, and extraordinary Respect to *Protestants*; and therefore, a considerable Number of their best Quality are invited to be the Witnesses thereof, which Marriage being celebrated by the Cardinal of *Bourbon*, upon an high Stage erected for that end close by the Church-Walls : The Persons invited dined in the Bishop's Palace, and at Night supped in a Pallace in the middle of *Paris*. It being ordinary in all Massacres to fall upon Persons of Note first; the first Attempt was made upon that good Man Admiral *Coligni*, who received a Wound by the shot of a Pistol, which not proving Mortal, he was advised to try the Safety of his Life, by flying out of the City; but the Soldiers appointed to commence the bloody Scene being so posted in different places of the City, his Escape was prevented; and the dreadful Signal being given, they begin their Butchery with the Admiral himself, who, after he had received many grievous Wounds, was thrown out of a Window upon the Streets: After which, his Head was cut off, and embalmed with Spices, to be sent to the *Pope*, and his Body most inhumanly cut and mangled by the Savage Mob; after having dragg'd it three Days through the Streets of the City, they carry'd it up to the publick place of Execution, and hung it up by the Heels. This horrid Massacre being thus begun, the armed
Soldiers

Soldiers run upon *Protestants* of all Ranks, Ages and Sexes without Distinction, and cruelly murder'd them; so that not only the Streets of the City did run with their Blood, whereby the same was dyed; but the very River did seem to be turned into Blood, by reason of the Multitudes of People thrown into the same, whose Wounds concurred to make a Crimson Stream. It's generally computed, that within the space of three Days, above Ten Thousand *Protestants* were cut off within the City. This was not the Fate of these *Protestants* alone, but the Massacre was carried to the Cities of *Lyons, Orleans, Thoulouse, and Roan,* in which Cities unparalell'd Cruelties were committed. So that in the space of one Month, Thirty Thousand *Protestants* were destroyed. It is to be noted, that the abovenamed King *Charles* the Ninth, the chief Instrument of this cruel Murder, died Childless, by the issuing of Blood from all the Vents of his Body, which no Art of the Physicians could stop. And though the *Protestants* of that Kingdom got their Religious Interest so far advanced afterwards, that it was secured to them by the famous *Edict of Nantz*, by which they enjoyed very ample Priviledges; yet no Faith being to be kept by *Papists* to *Hereticks* (as they term all of the Reformed Religion) his most Christian Majesty the present *French King*, reversed the said *Edict* in the Year 1685, and has ever since exercised such cruel Barbarities against his own *Protestant* Subjects, as are scarcely paralel'd by the greatest Tyrants that we read of; and so has totally razed an once famous Church. Let any who is acquainted with the History of the Sufferings of *French Protestants*, through the whole Course of his Reign, compute what Millions he has destroyed, and many of these whom he has not cut off by immediate cruel Deaths, are by many degrees more miserable, in regard of the inhuman Barbarities they suffer daily. Take for Instance, the deplorable Condition of those that are condemned to the Gallies, whose Misery I shall describe in a few words: A Galley is a long

long flat one deckt Vessel, which generally makes its Way more by Oars than Sails; there are five Slaves appointed for every Oar, and in all about three Hundred of them, and an Hundred and Fifty Men, either Officers, Seamen, or Servants. These miserable Creatures, to wit, the Slaves, are exposed above Deck to the Heat of the Sun by Day, and the Damps and Inclemencies of the Night. The Galley being but a small Vessel, such a Number of Men are extremely crouded, and their excessive hard Work at the Oars causes Sweat continually to stream down from their Bodies, by which the scanty Allowance of Linnen which they wear being soaked with the nasty Sweat, produces swarms of Vermine, which crawl not only upon their Cloaths, but the very Seats they sit upon, by which the miserable Wretches are like to be eaten up: Instead of a Bed, Sick or Well, they are allowed only a Board a Foot and a half broad; and those who ly near the Officers, dare not presume, though tormented with Vermine, to move Hand or Foot, least they should give Disturbance by the rattling of their Chains, and draw upon themselves a new Punishment. These who are at the Oars have cruel Task-masters set over them, who, when ever they find any (though through faintness or weakness) who are not able to keep touch with the rest, do unmercifully lash them with Whips they have for that use, and thereby imprint the evident Marks of Inhumanity upon their Bodies, who are almost naked when at the Oars: And the least Sign of Discontent appearing in their Countenances, draws upon them double Stripes from these relentless Tygers, whose Lashes are commonly ushered in, and followed with a Volley of hellish Oaths and Imprecations. This cruel Treatment occasions frequent Sickness amongst them, in which Case they are laid in the dark Hold, (where is very little Air) promiscuously without Beds. It is impossible to form a true Notion of the Misery of these poor Creatures, while their Sickness and tormenting Pains are increased by the

swarms

swarms of Vermine that almost cover their Bodies, and by the noisom Stink that arises from all the Nastiness that is about them, which makes them long impatiently for Death to end their wretched Days. See their scanty Allowance of course Food, and other cruel Sufferings fully described in a Book, entituled, *A Specimen of Papal and French Persecution*. Printed at London in the Year 1712.

I cannot but also briefly resume the *Irish* Massacre, which though it be generally well known to all who have any acquaintance with later Occurrences; yet does not seem to make a suitable Impression upon the Minds of those *Protestants* amongst us, whose Words and Actions declare, that they chuse rather to cultivate familiar Friendship and Intimacy with *Papists* than *Presbyterians*.

Altho' the Match proposed betwixt King *Charles* the First and the *Infanta* of *Spain* was not accomplished, yet a Marriage betwixt the said King and Lady *Henrietta Maria*, Daughter to *Henry* the Fourth King of *France* succeeded, which raised the Expectation of all the *Roman Catholics* in *Britain* and *Ireland*, that they should get *Popery* advanced in more than an ordinary way, by the influence of the young Queen of their own Religion: And therefore they were restless in improving the opportunity they had got, to ingratiate themselves into his Majesty's Favours, and exasperate him against his best *Protestant* Subjects; and at length they work up their cruel Designs to that dreadful Crisis, of committing one of the most bloody Massacres that ever was heard of in the World, whereby 200000 Persons were cut off, as abovesaid.

About the latter end of *October*, in the Year 1641, there is a Design framed to surprize *Dublin* first, it being the Metropolis of the Kingdom, thereby to strike Terror to all the rest; but the Plot being discovered by the merciful Providence of GOD, before it came to Execution, the City was preserved; but in all other places these barbarous Tygers accomplished their

their bloody Purposes, by the destroying in a most terrible manner, Men, Women, and Children, without the least sign of relenting, wherever they could find them: Yea, the very Women imbrued their Hands in the Blood of their Protestant Neighbours, by stabbing them, or cutting their Throats, and inured their Children to the Cruelty of killing the *Protestant's* Children; yea, they caused Children to kill their own Parents, and afterwards killed them, as being guilty of Parricide.

The *Papish Priests* did exert their outmost Care, to perswade their cruel People, that nothing could be more Meritorious than the destroying of *Protestants* in that cruel manner, and that the more they cut off, the nearer they were to Heaven: Yea, they caused them to take their *Sacrament* upon it, that they should spare none. The full Account of this terrible Massacre is given by most of our modern Historians; see Sir *John Temple's* History of the *Irish Rebellion*, Page 10, 136, and 148. and the Book of *Martyrs*, Vol. 2. Printed at London in the Year 1702, from Page 395, to Page 401. Any who will be at the pains to examine the Occasion of a Pamphlet, termed, *Murder will out*, emitted after the Restauration of King *Charles the Second*; as also, how the Marquis of *Antrim*, a noted *Irish Rebel* got his Estate, which had been forfeited upon that Account, restored by his producing the Warrant by which he acted, may find from what Influence these *Rebels* did effectuate their cruel Design. See *Baxter's Life*, Vol. 1. Page 43, and 44. It also deserves serious Reflection, that wherever *Papists* have prevail'd against *Protestants*, 'tis not enough to cut them off by Death, but they rack their hellish Inventions to find out these Torments that are most exquisitely painful and lingering: And altho' it cannot but fill your Mind with Horrour, when ye read what follows upon this Head, (as it does mine at writing hereof) I cannot omit condescending upon a few Instances, which are but a brief Sample of what these barbarous

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Papists have practised. In the Valley of *Piedmont* in the Year 1555, no Cruelty since the Times of *Dioclesian*, could match what was perpetrated there amongst the *Waldenses* and *Albigenses*. Women were ript up alive, burning Candles were held to the most tender and sensible Parts of their Bodies, their Nails were torn off by hot Pincers ; and when half dead by these Torments, they are tied to the Tails of wild Beasts, which are let loose through ragged and stony places : It was thought a very light Punishment to throw them from the Tops of high Precipices, where falling among the Boughs of Trees they stuck there till they died through Cold and Hunger, and the Wounds received by the Fall, the Places being ordinarily inaccessible. Young Maids had Spits thrust through their Bodies, from their Privities to their Necks, and the impious Soldiers carried them in that Posture : Some were dragged by the Feet through the Streets which were strowed with sharp Flint Stones until they died ; some had their Privy Members cut off and thrust into their Throats, whereby they were choaked : The tender Infants were taken out of the Cradles and torn to pieces ; Women were fastned to Spits, and roasted to Death, while their cruel Tormentors did cut off their Breasts, and eat the same : Men had their Hands tied to their Privy Members, and the whole weight of their Body suspended upon Cords ; others had their Mouths pressed full of Gun-Powder, and lighted Matches held to the same ; others were Flead alive ; some were buried alive ; some were burned alive in great Fires, like *Nebuchadnezzar's* Furnace ; some had their Brains beat out, which their Tormentors did fry and eat ; others had their Faces cut off alive. See *Georgius Hornius* his Church History written in Latin, Page 664, 665, 667, where these Cruelties are abridged. There is a full Account of them in a Book written wholly upon that Subject, by *Samuel Moreland*. But we need not go so far to search for the cruel Torments, by which *Protestants* have been put to Death ; some of these and such like have been

inflicted upon our worthy Ancestors, whereof many
 Instances may be given from our own Historians. But
 after all, if it should be urged, that there is no danger
 of such Treatment amongst us, because Care will be
 taken to have the Administration of our Government
 in the Hands of *Protestants*; or at least, of such as
 must be regulate by *Protestant* Laws: I answer, That
 to have the Administration of our Laws in the Hands
Papists or their Abettors, tho' professed *Protestants*,
 cannot but be of dangerous Consequence: I wish we
 would be at pains to reflect, what Numbers of worthy
Protestants may be computed to have suffered Death,
 from the *Restoration* to the *Revolution*, even, though
Papery was not then Establish'd by a Law. And to
 come home to our selves, how many Cities or Towns
 are there in *Scotland*, where the Blood of Eminent
 Christians hath not been shed? And how many Pa-
 rishes are there who have not produced some or other
 to be sacrificed to the Lust of those who inclined to
 follow the *French* Copy? What means so many Monu-
 ments erected upon the Graves of those who have
 been murdered in City and Country, set up by the pi-
 ous Care of those who would transmit to Posterity,
 Memorials of the Wrestlings and Sufferings of *Presby-*
terians in *Scotland*? Are there not Thousands of living
 Witnesses who have seen Persons of all Ranks die upon
 Scaffolds, for Adherence to their Religion in this
 Place? I know this Answer is ready in the Mouths of a
 great many, viz. These suffered justly, as *Rebels* a-
 gainst the Government; and by this Topick they have
 the daring Impudence, to vindicate the *French* King
 from all the Barbarities committed by him upon his
 Protestant Subjects, and to accuse those who suffered
 for their Holy Religion, as *Rebels*, deservedly punish-
 ed. But if refusing to comply with Laws establishing
 Wickedness, and overthrowing the very Foundation
 of the Christian Reformed Religion, and of those Civil
 Liberties which free People have a just Claim unto, be
 Rebellion in the genuine Notion of it, then I can ar-
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gue, not only the Primitive Christians, but also the Prophets and Apostles themselves, to have suffered justly. But to disobey these Laws, which are Rebellion against the Law of God, and the Fundamental Constitutions of the Law of Nature and Nations, is the unquestionable Duty of all, who would study Obedience to the most Righteous Commands of the Supreme and uncontrollable Legislator. For no Law can be the Rule of our Obedience, which is not founded upon, and agreeable to the Divine Law. The three Children mentioned in the Third of *Daniel*, had the Command of *Nebuchadnezzar* the King of *Babylon*, flowing from a Law enacted by him and his Princes, to worship his *Golden Image*, under the highest Penalty; but they judged themselves sufficiently warranted, to refuse Obedience to that wicked Law, it being contrary to the express Law of God: And *Daniel* did not find himself any way obliged to refrain from his Duty of Prayer to God, at his ordinary and stated Times, tho' discharged therefrom by *Darius* and his Court: Neither did the Apostles find themselves obliged to refrain from preaching the Gospel, though they were commanded by Authority to desist. But to insist a little upon the Cruelties committed in *Britain*, within the forementioned space of Time, I can undertake to give sufficient Documents from many particular Instances, that not a few were cruelly put to Death, whose Lives could never have been reached even by the then standing Laws: But this may probably appear to the World, in the distinct Particulars thereof hereafter. I shall briefly condescend only upon one Instance, because it's ordinarily denied by a great many of our Modern *Jacobites*, and said to be a Calumny raised to asperse the late Government. There was in the Shire of *Galloway*, and Paroch of *Kirkcubright*, in the Farm of *Drumjargan*, belonging to Colonel *Duns* of *Barnbarroch*, a Woman named *Margaret Lachlison*, Relick of *John Mulligan*, Carpenter there, who was a Woman of a good competency of Discretion and Prudence,

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but excelled (for a Tract of many Years) in a Devout and Religious Life, who could never be prevailed upon to comply with any thing contrary to the Principles of our Reformation, viz. by taking sinful Oaths, which were in that Bounds ordinarily pressed upon Women as well as Men, or desisting from the Duties of Religion, whether more publick or private, viz. Hearing of *Presbyterian* Ministers, associating with her Christian Acquaintances, for the Duties of Prayer to God, under the Heat of the Persecution of these Times, or supplying her own near Relations and other Christian Acquaintances, then in great Straits, with Necessaries for supporting of Nature: For all which Reasons she was carried Prisoner to *Wigtown* (being the Head Burgh of the Shire) by a Party of Dragoons.

At the same time there was a young Woman call'd *Margaret Wilson*, Daughter to *Gilbert Wilson* in *Glenvennochan*, in the Paroch of *Penygham*, Tennant to the Laird of *Castle-Stewart*, who had also refused to comply with the Demands that were ordinarily required, in order to the disclaiming and renouncing all *Presbyterian* Principles, who having come to *Wigtown*, to visit her Friends and Acquaintances, Fellow-sufferers then in Prison, she is taken notice of, as conniving at homologating the Designs of *Rebels* and *Phanaticks*, as *Presbyterians* were then generally termed. She being then about Twenty Years of Age, together with the other forementioned, being about 66, is committed to close Prison, and an Indictment of *Rebellious Practices* drawn up against them, viz. of the forementioned Particulars. And as to the Probation to be led against them there needed none, for they judicially owned their Adherence to our Reformation as *Presbyterians*, and their refusing to take such Oaths, and complying with such Practices as they judged sinful: Wherefore an Assize is called, who brought in their Verdict, that the Particulars alledged were evident; upon which the Sentence of Death was passed against them by Sir *Robert Grierson* of *Lag*, and accordingly, some time after the

the Sentence was thus executed : Two Stups of Posts were fast'ned upon the Brink of the Water of *Blednoch*, (to which place the Sea flows always at high Water) and the Prisoners are brought under the Guard of a Troop of Dragoons, commanded by Major *Winram*, to the place of Execution, and after being allowed some time to perform their last Duties of Devotion, which they did with so much Christian calmness, and sweet Submission to the Pleasure of Almighty G O D, and in such a lively Dependance upon Him for Salvation through Christ, that their Behaviour extorted Tears from some of the Soldiers that guarded them. The manner of their Execution was, Cords were tied about the foresaid Stups, and to their Bodies, and they thrown over the Brink of the River into the Water and drowned. There is one Thing particularly to be taken notice of, that the old Woman was first dispatched, in order to terrifie the young Woman to a Compliance, with such Demands and Oaths as were required of her; but the View of her Fellow-Sufferers Death did not in the least shake her Stedfastness in her Resolution, to adhere to her Principles to the very last : After her being thrown into the Water, a Person deeply affected with such a melancholly Spectacle, pull'd her up, and expressed these Words unto her, *Dear Margaret say, G O D save the King*; to which she replied, *G O D save him, if it be his Will, for for his Salvation is what I desire*; Upon which the sorrowful Multitude of doleful Beholders cried out to *Winram* the commanding Officer, *Sir, she has said it*, to which he answered, *Tender the Oath to her*; and it being demanded if she would take the Oath, she answered, *No, no, No Sinful Oath*: Upon which she was again thrust down under the Water. Thus died two innocent Women by a publick Sentence, whose Lives no Law (even the severest then standing) could have reached, without a manifest Stretch.

The Truth of this Fact with many other aggravating Circumstances than what I have condescended upon

upon, can be proven by an hundred living Witnesses:

Sir, I suppose, that, altho' Tortures, such as holding light Matches to People's Hands, and the use of the Boots and Thumkins, and ripping up alive, be disused for these 25 Years past, they were not such Novelties in the late Reigns. And I am afraid, that if some of these People that are of *Anti Revolution Principles*, had the same Power in their Hands, we might find their little Finger thicker than their Father's Thigh: Some of them stand not to say, that too much *Indulgence* towards *Presbyterians* in the late Times was a very bad Politick, and ought not to be used, if they had them again at their Mercy. And in order to lay a Foundation to their revengeful Designs for the future, they go upon these two following Propositions as first Principles.

1. That *Episcopal Ordination* (as has been already said) is absolutely necessary to the Constitution of a Gospel Minister.

2. That Proximity of Blood constitutes an Hereditary indefeasible Right to the Crown of these Realms, and that Passive Obedience is indispensibly due to the Sovereign clothed with this Right.

If they can make these Propositions evident, the Assumptions will, in my Opinion, be very clear; to wit, That *Presbyterian Ministers* want *Episcopal Ordination*; that King *William* and Queen *Mary* wanted the Title of Proximity of Blood to the Crown; neither has the *Illustrious Family of Hanover* that Title to the Succession so absolutely necessary. From which Premises these Conclusions will natively follow, that *Presbyterians* are not within the Verge of the *Visible Church*; and that the foresaid King *William* and Queen *Mary* were Usurpers, and the Succession as settled in the foresaid *Illustrious Family*, *ipso facto*, void and null. Whoever will be at the pains to pursue the Inferences that may be natively drawn from this way of Arguing, may easily guess where our *Jacobites* would Land, if they had once got the Course of Publick Affairs to run in their Channel;

Channel ; and this way of Arguing is not meer Talk amongst them, but has appeared very bare-fac'dly in Print, in Books which they do very much value. As to what concerns the Necessity of *Episcopal Ordination*, see Mr. Rynd's *Apology* lately printed at *Edinburgh*, which doubtless had the Approbation of our *Episcopal Clergy*, e're it appear'd in the World. And as to what concerns Hereditary and Indefeasible Right, see a Book in Folio, Intituled, *The Hereditary Right of the Crown of England Asserted ; The History of the Succession since the Conquest Cleared*, Printed at London by G. James 1713, where the Author's principal Scope is to prove, that such as are only Kings *de facto*, viz. without the Proximity of Blood, are not vested with a Legislative Authority ; And therefore, that their Statutes are wholly precarious, and that no Acts of Limitation could ever yet effectually exclude the next Heir by Proximity of Blood.

Having touched a little at the Cruelty of *Papists* and their Abettors in these few Instances wherein they have succeeded, and at their dangerous Consequences that natively follow from their Political Principles ; I shall very briefly touch some of their terrible Attempts which GOD has been graciously pleased to frustrate.

The First is that formidable Destruction threatned by the *Spanish Armado*, in the Year 1588, when *Philip* resolv'd at once to sink the whole Strength of *England*. His Fleet to that purpose consisted of 150 Sail of Ships, which carried 1600 great Pieces of Brass Cannon, 1050 of Iron, 8000 Seamen, and 2000 Marines, besides Volunteers. The Charge amounted daily to 30000 *Ducats*. But GOD having armed the Winds and Seas together, with the *Dutch* and *English* Fleet, to fight against them, they were wholly overthrown.

The Second is that signal Deliverance on the Fifth of *November*, 1605, from the *Gun-Powder-Plot*, by which the *Papists* had contrived to blow up the *King* and the *Parliament of England*, by a great quantity of Powder, lodged to that end in a Vault under the *Parliament-House*.

The Third is that dreadful Combination by King *James* the Seventh and his *Popish Friends*, to overthrow the Religion and Liberties of *Britain* and *Ireland*; which Destruction GOD was graciously pleased to prevent by our Glorious Deliverer the late King *William* of Blessed Memory, being called thereto by a great Body of the Representatives of the People in *Britain* and *Ireland*.

The Last is that Bloody Design of the *Affassinating-Plot* against the foresaid King *William*, by the *French* and *St. German Court*, and their Abettors in *England*. About the beginning of *April* 1696, a Conspiracy was framed to murder the King, and immediately upon perpetrating that cruel Fact, a Signal was to be given thereof from *Dover-Clifts*; upon which King *James* the Seventh was ready to embarque with 10000 Men, to go for *England*, there to be put in Possession of the Government. But immediately upon the back of the said King's Landing, 20000 *Veteran French Troops* (which without his Knowledge were brought thither beforehand for that End) were to Embarque, and carry along with them 80 Pieces of Cannon, with all other Accoutrements and Furniture, in a considerable Fleet of Transport Ships, and a suitable Convoy of Men of War, in order thus successfully to invade *England*. At the same time there were 5000 to Land in *Scotland*, to join their Friends there: Immediately upon the Landing of these in *England*, the *Tower of London* and the *Exchequer* were to be seized by the Conspirators, and after this the City was to be set on Fire, and burnt down to Ashes, and the Country for Seven Miles round it to be reduc'd to a Wilderness; because *London* was the Centre and Strength of *England*, both for People and Riches.

The Landed and Wealthy Men in *England* were to be Transported to *France*, and the desolate Places of *England* were to be Peopled by the poorer sort of the *French*; and none of the Transplanted *English* were ever to return on pain of Death. King *James* was

not to have medled with the *Government* otherways than he should be directed by the *French King*, and until the *Crown of France* should receive Sixty Four Million *Sterling*. How much the Debt may be more by this Time, let any who pleases compare. See the full Account hereof in a Pamphlet, Entituled, *A True History of the Horrid Conspiracy to Assassinate King William, &c.* This Plot was early discovered, and mercifully prevented. Neither is the Invasion in *March 1708* (when the Pretender was with a *French Force* in our *Firth*, within a few Hours of Landing) to be forgotten. Thus far of the dreadful Conspiracies that were crushed e're they came to the Birth.

To shew you, Sir, that others who have a clearer View of the present *State of Affairs* than I can pretend to, seem to agree with me in their Apprehensions of the Danger of *Popery* at this Juncture, I cannot omit to insert here a Paragraph of that Judicious and Polite Gentleman Mr. Steel's Weekly Paper, call'd, *The English Man*; London, from *December Saturday 26, to Tuesday 29*, which I just now read in the *Coffee-House*, is as follows.

We have been taught by dear Experience, that French Papists are Indesatigable in their Endeavours to Extirpate what they call the Northern Heresie. We have been lately informed, that they have in England Donations to the value of at least a Million of Money, (whereby they are enabled to carry on their Dark and Hellish Designs against us and our Holy Religion) that the Jesuits in particular, have an Estate in England, computed to be no less than 30000 l. per Annum, and that this Fund is daily increasing by the Seal of Reversional Presentations in the Gift of Popish Patrons, &c. That the Laws made against them are evaded, that there are but few Parishes in London wherein Mass is not said every Sunday, that there are great Numbers of Popish Priests in England at this time, that Popish Bishops exercise all the Parts of their Function, viz. Confirming, keeping their Yearly Synods and Visitations that Agnus Dei's Beads, Popish Salters, Manual's, Rosaries, are publickly

lickly Sold; that the Popish Priests have carried their Converts in Triumph to Mass.

Upon all these foregoing Considerations I wish, that those Protestants, who in their Converse ordinarily ridicule the Fears of Popery as Visionary Dreams, and groundless Enthusiastick Fancies, may be a little more sparing in that kind of Dialect. It is not without ground of Fear, that the Parliament of Britain has passed the Bill of Attainder against the Pretender, and that the Parliament of Ireland are endeavouring just now to follow their Example, and offer 5000 *l.* to any that will apprehend him. And that Her Majesty Queen Anne, has been so instant as to have him removed out of the Duke of Lorraine's Territories.

In Fine, Sir, I hope the Concern ye have for all that's dear to us as Men and Christians, will plead Excuse for my detaining you so long by this *Postscript*. Let me this once intreat you with all the earnestness I am capable of, to sequestrate your Thoughts for some time from all your Worldly Affairs, and think on that dismal Prospect of the Blackness and Darkness of Popery that threatens us and our Posterity, upon the Supposition of a Popish Successor getting the Reins of our Government in his Hand; what a dreadful Storm of Execrable Cruelties, and Inhumane Barbarities we have ground to be afraid of, and which has been the Fate of many before us. Cast a compassionate Eye upon your poor Children, who thereof do not know the Right Hand by the Left, and frame the wounding Idea of their falling a bloody Sacrifice by exquisite Torments, unto the revengeful Lusts of our most inveterate Enemies, (or which is worse) their being forced to abandon and renounce our Holy Religion, and the use of the Holy Scriptures, which are the Foundation thereof; yea, and ever of their Sense and Reason, to believe the most evident Contradictions that Human Reason can possibly imagine; which, in my Opinion, is the last degree of Misery, that Rational Creatures can be capable of on this side of Time.

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